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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM FOR DR. MORGENTHAU

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TAGS: PEPR, UR, SG

SUBJECT: SENGHOR DENOUNCES SOVIETS

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1. SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR DEVOTED MARCH 30 MEETING WITH DR. RUTH MORGENTHAU TO ATTACK ON "EVIL" SOVIET DESIGNS ON AFRICA AND CRITICISM OF U.S. FOR "STROKING THE SOVIETS." HE SAID HE HAD WARNED CAPE VERDIANS AGAINST SOVIETS, AND CHARGED THAT LIBYA AND ALGERIA WERE SOVIET HENCHMENT. IN HORN, HOWEVER SOMALIA WAS IN WRONG, AND WHEN IT WAS QUESTION OF ARABS

AGAINST BLACKS, " WE CHOOSE THE BLACKS." SENGHOR WAS DELIGHTED WITH RESULTS OF FRENCH ELECTIONS AND AMUSED THAT SPANISH SOCIALISTS, AFTER SUPPORTING POLISARIO, WERE NOW FACED WITH OAU RESOLUTION ON SELF-DETERMINATION FOR CANARY ISLANDS, ALTHOUGH HE REBUKED SENEGALESE REPRESENTATIVE AT TRIPOLI MINISTERIAL FOR VIOLATING HIS INSTRUCTIONS ON CANARIES. SENGHOR AGAIN ENDORSED US POLICY ON HORN AND RHODESIA. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. MORGENTHAU, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE, CALLED ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR MARCH 30 TO DISCUSS FOOD CORPS PROPOSAL, IN WHICH SENGHOR EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL INTEREST. BULK OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S REMARKS, HOWEVER, WERE DEVOTED TO CASTIGATION OF SOVIETS AS "EVIL" PRESENCE IN AFRICA. HE EMPHASIZED "WE ARE AGAINST THE SOVIETS," AND CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES FOR "STROKING THE SOVIETS" EXCESSIVELY. SENGHOR SAID LIBYA AND ALGERIA WERE DANGEROUS AND "UNDER SOVIET HAND." PROBLEM WAS COMPOUNDED SINCE BOUMEDIENNE WAS "EXTREMELY AMBITIOUS PERSONALLY." HE REPEATED CHARGE THAT ALGERIA FAVORS ANNEXATION OF TUAREG PEOPLES FROM COUNTRIES ALONG ITS SOUTHERN BORDER.

3. SENGHOR URGED AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO CAPE VERDE, RECOUNTING WARNING HE HAD GIVEN CAPE VERDIANS THAT SOVIETS WOULD FIRST DEMAND FISHING RIGHTS "TO
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EXPLOIT AND EMPTY" THEIR NATIONAL WATERS, AND WOULD THEN REQUEST BASE RIGHTS. SENGHOR HAD URGED REJECTION OF BOTH REQUESTS.

4. SENGHOR NOTED THAT SOMALIA-ETHIOPIAN SITUATION IN HORN WAS MORE COMPLICATED SINCE THERE SOMALIA WAS "IN THE WRONG." HE CRITICIZED ETHNICALLY-BASED TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, NOTING PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD ARISE IF FULANIS SCATTERED ABOUT WEST AFRICA ASSERTED SUCH CLAIMS. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, WHEN IT BECOMES A QUESTION OF ARABS AGAINST BLACKS, WE CHOOSE BLACKS. SENGHOR REPEATED HIS SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICIES IN HORN (AND FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN IN RHODESIA).

5. SENGHOR ALSO SAID SOVIETS HAD OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNIST PARTI AFRICAIN DE L'INDEPENDENCE IN SENEGAL, WHICH, FORTUNATELY, PAI HAD REJECTED.

6. SENGHOR REITERATED HIS OPPOSITION TO SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE IN FRANCE, AND, WHILE HE HAD SENT DELEGATION TO COMFORT SOCIALISTS ON THEIR RECENT ELECTORAL DEFEAT, HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH RESULTS. FUNDAMENTALLY,

HE OBSERVED, "THE FRENCH ARE BOURGEOIS."

7. SENGHOR ALSO REITERATED HIS CONSTERNATION AT SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY'S SUPPORT FOR "RACIST AND IMPERIALIST" POLISARIO IN WESTERN SAHAR. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED SOCIALIST WHY THEY DID NOT ALSO DEMAND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR CANARY ISLANDS AND CITED SUBSEQUENT OAU MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION ON CANARIES WITH SOME AMUSEMENT, THOUGH HE STRESSED THAT HE HAD REPROACHED SENEGALESE REPRESENTATIVE FOR VIOLATING HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

8. COMMENT: NONE OF THIS IS PARTICULARLY NEW OR DIFFERENT COMING FROM SENGHOR, BUT HIS SINGLEMINDED PREOCCUPATION WITH COMMUNIST BOGEYMAN DURING THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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